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REMARKS

The foregoing amendment amends independent claims 10, 18, 26, 43, 51, and 59, as well as dependent claim 38. The amendments to the independent claims clarify that the claimed invention uses measured path characteristics, as well as inferred path characteristics, to route traffic. The amendment to claim 38 corrects its dependency.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, it is believed that all of the claims include allowable subject matter and thus, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any issues that can be resolved via a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 404.685.6799.

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